## **STT CALIBRATION AND TRACKING**

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## **OVERVIEW**



- The PANDA STT
- The HADES STS
- Testbeams at COSY
  - Raw data & calibration
  - Tracking
- Next steps



# THE PANDA STT

#### **Straws design**

- 4224 straws in 19 axial and 8 stereo (±3°) layers
- 27µm Al-Mylar film, 1400 mm length, 10 mm diameter
- Ar/CO2 gas mixture at 1 bar overpressure
- Continuous data stream readout (~ 15GB/s)
- Charged particles will describe helical trajectories



Figure. Straws components.





Figures. PANDA-STT layout





### Figure. Electrons drift from particles path through the straw

#### **Detection method**

- Charged particles traversing straws ionize gas molecules.
- Due to voltage difference between tube and wire,  $e^-$  drift towards wire
- Shortest distance from particle track to wire provided by earliest  $e^-$  to arrive.
- Drift time and charge readout used for tracking and PID (dE/dx)

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# **THE HADES STS**

### For HADES upgrade (FAIR Phase 0)

- Straws detection principles same as PANDA STT
- No magnetic field at forward detector
- Triggered data tacking
- Forward Straw Tracker Stations :
  - STS1 (Jülich, assembly currently ongoing):
    - 640 channels, 20 modules
    - Double layers with: 90°,0°, 0°, 90°
  - STS2 (Krakow):
    - 896 channels, 28 modules
    - Double layers with: 0°, 90°, 45°, 45°
- Straw modules to be used in PANDA-FTS

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Figure. Example of straws arrangement (FT and STS case).



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# **TESTBEAMS AT COSY (2016 & 2018)**

### **Protons and Deuterons**

- Momentum range: 0.5 3.0 GeV/c (~ 1 10 × MIP)
- Setups with 24 straws per layer:
  - Particle tracks with > 24 hits simmilar to PANDA STT case
- Ar/CO2 gas mixture
- Data in analysis stage.

### **Current analysis addressing:**

- Raw data calibration
- Tracking
- PID

For each beam case.



One of the two straw test systems. Beam enters from the right.



Straw signals (in-beam)



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Figures. One of the two straw test systems.



- Raw data: Signal times  $(t_{LE}, t_{TE})$  and Channel number  $(i_{chan})$
- Signal pulse width gives  $ToT = t_{LE} t_{TE}$
- From individual channel  $t_{LE}$  time distribution:
  - Minimum  $(t_0)$  from track close to wire
  - Specific channel t<sub>0</sub> offset correction
  - Maximum  $(t_{max})$  from track close to the cathode wall
- Drift time spectra obtained by substracting  $t_0$  from raw  $t_{LE}$
- Radial distance from particle's path to wire (isochrone radii) parametrized as a polynomial function of the drift times:

$$r(t) = \sum P_i \times t^i$$

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# TRACKING

- 1. Pre-fit parameters: Position of fired wires
  - Obtain  $r_{iso}$  for each hit contained in the event with calibration r(t)
  - Define the residual distance:

$$r_{res} = r_{track} - r_{iso}$$

2. Track reconstruction using  $\chi$ 2- MINUIT fit to isochrones

$$\frac{\chi^2}{ndf} = \left(\frac{1}{n_{hits} - 2}\right) \sum_{n=1}^{n_{hits}} \frac{r_{res(nhits)}^2}{\sigma_{err(nhits)}^2}$$

- $n_{hits}$  , total number of hits
- $\sigma_{err}$  , uncertainty of the measurement in a straw in the radial direction
- 2 are the parameters to be minimized
- 3. Iterative process to find better track parameters, *i.e.* Minimize  $\chi$ 2.
- 4. Outliers elimination rejection at each step.



# TRACKING

- Obtain residual distribution: 4.
  - Ideally  $r_{res} = 0$ •
  - Expected  $r_{res}$  values distributed around  $r_{res} = 0$
- 5. Non-negligible shifts in  $r_{res}$  distribution
- 6. Find  $r_{mean}$  from fitted Gaussian to distribution.
- 7. Perform r(t) correction:

 $r_{new} = r_{iso} + r_{mean}$ 

- For above/below wire cases
- *r<sub>mean</sub>* value is channel specific
- Perform iteration process with  $r_{new}$  curve 4.
- $\Box$  Uncorrected : mean =  $-58\mu m$ ,  $\sigma = 187 \mu m$
- $\Box$  Corrected : mean =  $-1 \mu m$ ,  $\sigma = 135 \mu m$

Channel no.

#### uncorrected Channel vs Residuals (above wire)





corrected





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#### **Residuals (mm)**



## **TESTBEAMS**

### **Results**

- Spatial resolution defined with  $\sigma$  value from residuals
  - 100-125 μm (design goal = 150 μm)

### Current calibration and tracking methods are beam specific





## **NEXT STEPS**



- Optimization of the time calibration, TOT calibration and tracking methods
- Investigate influence of dE/dx in isochrones calibration and tracking methods
- Determine which PID observable is the best
- Preparation of calibration and tracking with STS1 (HADES)
- Cosmic tests in Jülich foreseen for summer



## **THANK YOU!**

**Questions?** 



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## PID

- 1. Shifted raw *ToT* channel distributions before t0 offset correction.
- 2. *ToT* is drift time dependent  $(1/\beta^2)$ , characterized by

$$ToT(t_{drift}) = \sum_{i=0}^{4} P_i \times t_{drift}^i$$
$$ToT(t_{drift} = 0) = ToT_{mean}$$

3. Truncate mean (~ 30 % highest hits) at each ToT distribution

$$ToT(t_{drift} = 0) = ToT_{trunc\ mean}$$

• Method needs t0 determination.





## PID

- 4. Consider ToT/dx as PID observable.
- 5. Perform mean truncation (~ 30 % highest hits)
  - ToT/dx values distributed ~ constant over r = 0 4 mm
  - No need of t0 determination.
  - dx obtained by coarse tracking

#### Both PID variables (ToT and ToT/dx) are dE/dx dependent







## **TESTBEAMS**

### Results

- Spatial resolution defined with  $\sigma$  value from residuals
  - 100-125 μm (design goal = 150 μm)
- Separation power (PID)

$$S = \frac{\langle M_1 \rangle - \langle M_2 \rangle}{(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)/2}$$

Where  $\langle M_i \rangle = \langle ToT_i \rangle$  or  $\langle ToT/dx_i \rangle$ 

- i = 1, from chosen particle/momenta
- i = 2, reference from M.I.P. (2.5 *GeV/c protons*)
- $1/\beta^2$  dependence
- S ~ 4 12 in momentum range p < 1 GeV/c

# Current calibration, tracking and PID methods are beam specific







FIGURE 6.1: The schematic representation of the detector modules placement during the proton beam tests.

